

## **Claims**

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is as follows:

1. A football kicking training aid comprising in combination:
  - 5 a football having at least one attached patch, said patch or patches covering one or both pointed ends of said football, said patch or patches having a plurality of either male or female fastener elements thereon;
  - a flexible thimble having a lateral area which user can position adjacent the fingerpad of said user wearing said thimble;
- 10 a pad on the said lateral area of said thimble, said pad having a plurality of mating fastener elements thereon complementary to said fastener elements on said patch or patches, said mating elements on said thimble worn by a user releasably engaging said mating elements on said patch located at the upper end of said football, whereby said mating of said complementary fastener elements urges a user to properly support said football, for kicking by another player, at said patch at said upper end by a user's fingerpad within said thimble , and to continue supporting said football until the kicking action has been completed.
- 15 2. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said mating fastener elements disengage from said complementary mating elements upon a player kicking said football.
- 20 3. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise Velcro.RTM. loop elements.
4. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise Velcro.RTM. hook elements.
- 25 5. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the material of said thimble is natural or synthetic rubber.
6. A football kicking training aid comprising in combination:
  - 30 a football having at least one attached patch, said patch or patches covering one or both pointed ends of said football, said patch or patches having a plurality of either male or female fastener elements thereon;

- a flexible glove having a plurality of fingers, said fingers having lateral areas positioned adjacent the fingerpads of a user wearing said glove;
- a pad on said lateral area of the index finger of said glove, said pad having a plurality of mating fastener elements thereon complementary to said fastener
- 5 elements on said patch, said mating elements on said glove worn by a user releasably engaging said mating elements on said patch located at the upper end of said football, whereby said mating of said complementary fastener elements urges a user to properly support said football, for kicking by another player, at said patch at said upper end by a user's fingerpad within said glove, and to
- 10 continue supporting said football until the kicking action has been completed.
7. The device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said mating fastener elements disengage from said complementary mating elements upon a player kicking said football.
8. The device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise Velcro.RTM. loop elements.
- 15 9. The device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise Velcro.RTM. hook elements.